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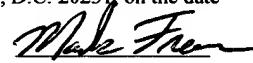
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In response to the Office Action mailed February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003, please amend  
the above application as follows:

**Title:**

Change to - Leak-Proof closure and container with integrated outlet  
passage.

**Specification:**

P. 2, under the heading "Drawing Figures", add the following:

  
Fig. 1A'' is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing the  
recessed channel as part of the container.

Fig. 2 is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing multiple  
recessed channels as part of the closure.

Fig. 2A is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing  
multiple recessed channels as part of the container.

Fig. 2B is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing  
multiple recessed channels as part of both the closure and the  
container.

Fig. 3 is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing the  
recessed channel as part of both the closure and the container.

Fig. 4 is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing the  
recessed channel as part of the closure which contains a spout.